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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: LAYER ARRANGED ON IMPLANT FOR  
BONE OR TISSUE STRUCTURE, SUCH AN  
IMPLANT, AND A METHOD FOR  
APPLICATION OF THE LAYER

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Examiner: D. C. Comstock

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112 (NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 23, 2009, in the above-captioned case.

*Amendments to the Claims* are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 6 of this paper.

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<b>Independent</b>	2		3		0